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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at the first line of the specification:

--Application Serial Number 09/231,854, filed January 14, 1999, and Application Serial No. 09/494,213, filed January 14, 2000, are copending applications which are reissues of Application Serial No. 09/490,342, filed June 14, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,592,939.--

REMARKS

At ¶2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requires a new certificate under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) establishing assignee's right to prosecute the application. Accordingly, a new 3.73(b) certificate is submitted herewith.

At ¶3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 28 and 29 based upon a defective declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. Accordingly, a supplemental declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1) is submitted herewith. A joint inventor, Wayne C. Haase, is included in the supplemental declaration. A Petition for Correction of Inventorship of Patent under 37 C.F.R. §1.324 was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on October 26, 2001 to add the joint inventor (copies included herewith). Further, the 3.73(b) certificate required at ¶2 of the Office Action includes an executed assignment from Wayne C. Haase to Michael A. Martinelli.

At ¶4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the specification. The specification has been amended as the Examiner suggests.

All claims 1-22, 28 and 29 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Passage to issue is requested.

The total number of claims remains the same. Therefore, no additional claim fee is required. No additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, should any fees be due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1133. A copy of this page is enclosed for this purpose.

If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues to be resolved with respect to the above-identified application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience so that such issues may be resolved telephonically.

Respectfully submitted,

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